

## House Resolution No. 2117

**Whereas**, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of talented individuals who have distinguished themselves through excellence in athletics; and

**Whereas**, the Special Olympics teams from Union, Missouri, are to be commended for taking top honors in their division for the basketball program during the state competition held March 20, 2004, in Kansas City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the basketball program won gold medals in its division in boys basketball, girls basketball, and individual skills; and

**Whereas**, special words of commendation go out to Coaches Ron Kramer and Connie Pado, both of whom have continually instilled within each of their talented players the desire to realize their full potential; and

**Whereas**, few individuals possess the athletic skill and stamina of Union Special Olympics team members Tabita Bondor, Courtney Smith, Michelle Laberer, Jon Hertlein, Troy Smith, Matt Voelpel, Dennis Hoemann, Tim Kramer, Mendy Hoemann, Ashley Vanderpool, and Jim Koehler:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the players and coaches of Union's Special Olympics teams at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to serve as an inspiration to athletes throughout the Show-Me State; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Special Olympics teams from Union, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Nieves  
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2117, adopted April 26, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker